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KEITH, E. J., Jr.

Seaman 2c, USNR (Deceased)

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Aleutians-KISKA HARBOR

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11-20-46 App. Adm. Thune*

For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight in  
combat with the enemy as a radioman and gunner of a  
Patrol Plane during the Aleutian Islands Campaign on  
June 11, 1942. To carry out its attack mission against  
the enemy ships in Kiska Harbor it was necessary for  
his plane to fly through severe Alaskan weather and

because of the low ceiling the only attack possible was to fly through the clouds, dive bomb and strafe with the patrol plane, and pull out in the clear at a low altitude. During this low altitude attack his plane was subjected to heavy anti-aircraft fire from ship and shore batteries and pierced by shrapnel and lighter caliber projectiles. He was killed in this attack while courageously strafing the enemy from his exposed position at the tunnel gun. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country with the courage which was in keeping with the highest traditions of the naval service.